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Chapter I

AGREED OUTCOME

A. Theme and sub-themes for UNCTAD XII

Theme

Addressing the opportunities and challenges of globalization for development

Sub-themes

1. Enhancing coherence at all levels for sustainable economic development and poverty reduction in global policymaking, including the contribution of regional approaches.
2. Key trade and development issues and the new realities in the geography of the world economy.
3. Enhancing the enabling environment at all levels to strengthen productive capacity, trade and investment: Mobilizing resources and harnessing knowledge for development.
4. Strengthening UNCTAD; enhancing its development role, impact and institutional effectiveness.

B. Recommendations of the report of the Panel of Eminent Persons on enhancing the development role and impact of UNCTAD

Agreed outcome

1. In accordance with the terms of reference established by the extended Bureau of the Trade and Development Board, informal consultations took up the 21 recommendations contained in the Report of the Panel of Eminent Persons (UNCTAD/OSG/2006/1) based on the mandate contained in paragraph 48 of the outcome of the Mid-term Review. The informal consultations discussed the follow-up to the recommendations either in the short term or in the context of the preparations for UNCTAD XII. In reviewing the recommendations, the consultations took into account, inter alia, the outcome of the 2006 Mid-term Review (TD/B(S-XXIII)/7 (Vol. I)), the "Reflections by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on the Panel's recommendations" (TD/B/EX(40)/2) and the ongoing UN reform process. These informal consultations have been completed. The results will be reported back to the Trade and Development Board at its forty-first executive session.

2. The informal consultations were constructive and forward-looking. There was a positive spirit of collaboration and partnership. Member States recognized that the Panel of Eminent Persons had made an important contribution towards enhancing the development role and impact of UNCTAD.

3. In the consultations, member States underlined that the outcome of the Mid-term Review and the São Paulo Consensus are the guiding documents leading up to UNCTAD XII, and that the recommendations of the Eminent Persons' Report that enjoy endorsement by the

Trade and Development Board will be implemented in the light of UNCTAD's mandate and in accordance with the agreed outcome of the Mid-term Review (as agreed in paragraph 48 of that document).

4. Member States noted that a number of ideas in the Eminent Persons' Report have been addressed in the section on strengthening the three pillars of UNCTAD in the outcome document of the Mid-term Review, and that implementation of those recommendations that enjoy endorsement by the Trade and Development Board will be guided by the outcome document of the Mid-term Review.

5. The implementation of those recommendations that enjoy endorsement by the Trade and Development Board will be undertaken in the spirit of strengthening and not weakening the development role and impact of UNCTAD in accordance with its mandate. The Secretary-General is requested to consult and report on the implementation of those recommendations that enjoy endorsement by the Trade and Development Board.

6. There was an understanding (in discussing recommendation 3) that an objective is to maintain and enhance UNCTAD's core competencies so as to reflect their inherent interconnectedness. One idea to explore is that thought could be given to reiterating and reinforcing this message through a communication to the relevant UN bodies in New York. There was also an understanding (in discussing recommendation 8) that an objective is to improve the quality and coherence of UNCTAD's research and policy analysis. One idea to explore is to strengthen UNCTAD's research and policy analysis through interaction with the network of think tanks (referred to in recommendation 7). In addition, there was an understanding (in discussing recommendation 21) that there should be synergies among the three pillars by strengthening UNCTAD's central mechanism for vertical and horizontal coordination.

7. Member States discussed each of the recommendations in the Eminent Persons' Report in depth, and noted that the recommendations can be grouped into three clusters, namely:

Cluster 1

Recommendations containing ideas that enjoy convergence and that are recommended for endorsement by member States at the forty-first executive session of the Trade and Development Board, with a view to their implementation;

Cluster 2

Recommendations on which there is conceptual convergence on the ideas contained therein but that require continued and active deliberation in the context of the ongoing preparations for UNCTAD XII before a decision on them can be taken by the Trade and Development Board and/or at the Conference;

Cluster 3

Recommendations on which there is consensus not to pursue them either on grounds that there is divergence of views or that they are considered no longer relevant.

8. In their discussions, member States focused on the key ideas in individual recommendations and made specific comments with regard to some of them. Several new ideas also emerged in the course of the discussion. All these have been reflected below.

9. *Cluster 1*

Recommendation 1, with the understanding that the list contained in this recommendation is illustrative and non-exhaustive, and that there are other development issues where UNCTAD should be engaged, in accordance with its mandate.

Recommendation 4, with the understanding that these principal criteria should be translated into practice in a manner that preserves UNCTAD's mandated role.

Recommendation 5, with the understanding that cooperation with other organizations should be based on UNCTAD's mandate and core competence, and that such cooperation and partnership should be a collective exercise requiring efforts not only by UNCTAD but also by other organizations. Priority should be given to the development of partnerships with United Nations Regional Commissions.

Recommendation 6, with the understanding that the engagement with such partners is pursued in a flexible manner that preserves member States' rights in UNCTAD's intergovernmental machinery, i.e. not on the basis of an "equal footing", and that ensures the effective participation of civil society and small and medium-sized enterprises from developing countries and countries with economies in transition. One idea is to use virtual means and modern information and communications technology to engage these partners in a cost-effective manner. Another idea is to consider developing criteria for selecting NGOs, including regional criteria, in accordance with the established rules of procedure of the United Nations and as prescribed in the São Paulo Consensus.

Recommendation 7, with the understanding that the list of think tanks proposed by the Secretary-General in his reflections is not exhaustive and that the implementation would ensure the effective participation of think tanks from developing countries and countries with economies in transition and that the views of member States will be taken into account in the process of implementation. In engaging think tanks, virtual means and arrangements should also be considered, including using the Virtual Institute as a basis for developing a virtual network.

Recommendation 10, with the understanding that at UNCTAD's intergovernmental processes there are no confrontational attitudes but only differences of views and approaches.

Recommendation 18, with the understanding that the aim is to ensure the effective participation of UNCTAD at the country level by providing analytical inputs to UN Country Teams and by improving cooperation with UNDP and UN Resident Coordinators, and not by creating a permanent physical presence in the field, and that UNCTAD's technical assistance remains committed to, and also goes beyond the framework of, the Millennium Development Goals.

Recommendation 19, with the understanding that in the process of consolidation no specific technical assistance activity will be lost and that a decision on this should be taken in consultations with member States, including through the established mechanisms, in particular the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget.[1]

10. *Cluster 2*

Recommendation 9, with the understanding that the decision on the criteria for consolidation of publications will be taken in consultation with member States and that implementation will involve development of a publications policy, greater reliance on e-tools and the UNCTAD website for publication and dissemination, and the timely translation into all UN languages. One idea is to launch publications in partnership with national and regional organizations.

Recommendation 12, with the understanding that the trust fund already exists, but that funding it is the challenge and that there is a need to find a sustainable solution to predictable financing of the participation of experts from developing countries and countries with economies in transition in UNCTAD Expert Meetings.

Recommendation 13, with the understanding that the implementation of this recommendation, in particular the phrase "pragmatic solutions", will not exclude or replace UNCTAD's traditional work on systemic issues, but will add value in a non-prescriptive manner.

Recommendation 14, with the understanding that this recommendation will be implemented in a flexible manner that would allow for both Standing Expert Groups and existing Expert Meetings on specific topics to coexist.

Recommendation 15, with the understanding that the cross-cutting issues dealt with in the Enterprise Commission are not lost and the balance of treatment of issues in the remaining two Commissions would not be negatively affected, and that consideration be given to the possibility of creating a Commission on Globalization and Systemic Issues.

Recommendation 16, with the understanding that an annual think-tank meeting could be organized as a parallel event to the Trade and Development Board, and that the emphasis is on creating a multi-stakeholder dialogue that would not replace the High-Level Segment. With regard to the idea of a global forum, the understanding was that it should not duplicate existing international forums and that it should not take the form of a "Davos"-type meeting driven by the private sector.

Recommendation 21, with the understanding that the services mentioned in the second and third sentences of this recommendation will have to be explored further by member States before they are offered on a demand-driven basis and in response to requests from member States, and that this will be coordinated with their Geneva missions, and that budgetary implications would be carefully considered.

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[1] Member States noted that the figure of 400-plus projects mentioned in recommendation 19 refers to the number of financial reports issued by UNCTAD and not to the number of actual technical cooperation projects.

11. *Cluster 3*

Recommendations 2, 3, 8, 11, 17 and *20*

12. The views of the groups and individual member States on the Eminent Persons' Report are elaborated in the "Report of the Trade and Development Board on its fortieth executive session" (available at: http://www.unctad.org/en/docs/tdbex40d3_en.pdf).

C. Topics for expert meetings in 2007

Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities

1. Trade and development implications of financial services and commodity exchanges
2. Participation of developing countries in new and dynamic sectors of world trade: The South–South dimension

Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues

1. Development implications of international investment rule-making
2. Comparing best practices for creating an environment conducive to maximizing development benefits, economic growth and investment in developing countries and countries with economies in transition

Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development

1. Regional cooperation in transit transport: Solutions for landlocked and transit developing countries
2. Increasing the participation of developing countries' SMEs in global value chains (GVCs)

Chapter II

MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE BOARD ARISING FROM OR RELATED TO REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES OF ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES

(Agenda item 2)

(a) Report of the Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities, eleventh session

13. The representative of **France**, speaking in his capacity as Chairperson of the Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities at its eleventh session, presented the Commission's report contained in document TD/B/COM.1/88 and its agreed recommendations.

Action by the Board

14. The Board took note of the report of the Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities on its eleventh session (TD/B/COM.1/88), endorsed the recommendations contained therein and approved the topics for the next cycle of expert meetings (for the list of topics, see chapter I of this report).

(b) Report of the Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues

15. The representative of the **Philippines**, speaking in his capacity as Vice-Chairperson of the Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues, presented the report of the Commission contained in document TD/B/COM.2/78.

16. The representative of **Brazil,** speaking on behalf of the **Group of Latin American and Caribbean Countries (GRULAC),** reiterated, with reference to paragraph 9 of the report, a point made during the Commission's session. That paragraph needed to be understood in the context of the outcome of the informal consultations, and this meant that the formation of new standing groups should be analysed at UNCTAD XII.

Action by the Board

17. The Board took note of the report of the Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues on its eleventh session (TD/B/COM.2/78), endorsed the recommendations contained therein and approved the topics for the next cycle of expert meetings (for the list of topics, see chapter I of this report).

(c) Report of the Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development, eleventh session

18. The representative of **Sri Lanka**, speaking in his capacity as Vice-Chairperson of the Commission on Enterprise, Business, Facilitation and Development, presented the report of the Commission contained in document TD/B/COM.3/82.

Action by the Board

19. The Board took note of the report of the Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development (TD/B/COM.3/82), endorsed the recommendations contained therein and approved the topics for the next cycle of expert meetings (for the list of topics, see chapter I of this report).

Items 2 (a), (b) and (c)

Action by the Board

20. The Board decided that the agendas of the Commissions would be considered at its next executive session, to be held in June. In that regard, it invited the secretariat to prepare a draft agenda for each Commission.

4. Report of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget on its forty-eighth session

21. The representative of **France**, speaking in his capacity as Chairperson of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, presented the report of the forty-eighth session contained in document TD/B/WP/193 and its agreed conclusions.

Action by the Board

22. The Board took note of the report of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, and endorsed the agreed conclusions contained in document TD/B/WP/193.

Chapter III

REPORT ON THE IN-DEPTH EXAMINATION OF THE REPORT OF THE PANEL OF EMINENT PERSONS

(Agenda item 3)

23. Introducing the draft agreed outcome of the informal consultations on the recommendations of the Report of the Panel of Eminent Persons on enhancing the development role and impact of UNCTAD (TD/B/EX(41)/L.3), the facilitator stressed that the document constituted a consensus outcome supported by all groups and member States, and a step forward in the discussions on the Report of the Panel of Eminent Persons. Requesting that the agreed outcome be adopted by the forty-first executive session of the Trade and Development Board, he emphasized that the constructive dialogue that had characterized the deliberations of the informal consultations would augur well for the outcome of UNCTAD XII and for putting the secretariat on a firm footing to face the challenges of the future. Furthermore, he expressed his gratitude to the regional group coordinators, the Secretary-General and members of the secretariat for their support in achieving this outcome.

24. In the ensuing debate, delegations endorsed the draft agreed outcome of the informal consultations and expressed their gratitude for the able leadership and commitment of the facilitator in ensuring fruitful deliberations and successful consultations. Stressing the importance of the São Paulo Consensus and the outcome of the Mid-term Review as the points of departure, delegations emphasized that implementation of the "early harvest" Cluster 1 recommendations should begin as soon as possible and that the Secretary-General should consult and report on their implementation on a regular basis. With regard to the Cluster 2 recommendations, delegations underlined the need not to lose the momentum of deliberating and consulting on them, either through weekly meetings of the extended bureau of the Trade and Development Board or through another mechanism, as part of the preparations for UNCTAD XII.

25. The **Secretary-General of UNCTAD** expressed his appreciation for the Trade and Development Board's endorsement of the agreed outcome of the informal consultations on the recommendations of the Report of the Panel of Eminent Persons and thanked the facilitator for his engagement and leadership in that regard. The agreement indicated that the momentum for revitalizing the development role and impact of UNCTAD had been maintained since the launching of the Report of the Panel of Eminent Persons. Now there was consensus on how to proceed on this matter. He expressed his commitment to working towards implementing the "early harvest" recommendations of Cluster 1 smoothly and efficiently as soon as possible, in the spirit of partnership and collegiality that had prevailed during the consultations. Cluster 2 recommendations were a good basis for the final outcome of UNCTAD XII as an institutional topic. The progress made in that regard would bode well for the outcome of the Conference, and would place the Trade and Development Board "ahead of the curve" in terms of the broader discussions on UN reform as a whole. In conclusion, he stressed his commitment to working

with member States to further clarify the outstanding issues with regard to revitalizing UNCTAD's development role and impact.

Action by the Board

26. The Board adopted the agreed outcome as contained in document TD/B/EX(41)/L.3. It requested the Secretary-General to consult and report on the implementation of recommendations in Cluster 1 of the agreed outcome through the Consultations of the President of the Board or the extended Bureau. Also, it requested its extended Bureau to consider the steps for the follow-up to the recommendations contained in Cluster 2 of the agreed outcome in the context of the ongoing preparations for UNCTAD XII. (For the text of the agreed outcome, see chapter I of this report.)

Chapter IV

THEME AND PREPARATORY PROCESS FOR UNCTAD XII

(Agenda item 4)

27. The President of the Board, Ambassador Mohamed Saleck Ould Mohamed Lemine, noted that on 19 January 2007 the extended bureau of the Trade and Development Board had approved the terms of reference for the informal open-ended consultations concerning the adoption of a proposal for a theme for UNCTAD XII. At Ambassador Lemine's request, Ambassador Don Stephenson (Canada) had facilitated those consultations and on 16 April member States had reached agreement ad referendum on a theme and sub-themes for UNCTAD XII.

28. Presenting his proposal for consideration and adoption, Ambassador Stephenson informed the Board that in his consultations he had been informed that the theme and sub-themes should be (a) narrow enough to focus on the real priorities in trade and development; (b) wide enough to allow all interests to be expressed; (c) interesting enough to attract high-level participation; and (d) framed in a way that was neutral enough to allow ministers to address issues from a variety of perspectives.

29. The theme and sub-themes, he had been informed, should foster a discussion that was action-oriented, would result in recommendations for action and would set specific targets that were ambitious and forward-looking. He then elaborated on the theme and sub-themes proposed for adoption.

30. The main theme of the Conference asked ministers to identify the changes that needed to be made in order to tackle the challenges and seize the opportunities created by globalization.

31. The first sub-theme invited a discussion on how to continue to enhance policy coherence at all levels, including the global, regional, bilateral and national levels.

32. The second sub-theme concerned an examination of the evolving policy environment and of how new realities in the world economy affected strategies for the promotion of development.

33. The third sub-theme explored how to enhance the enabling environment at all levels in order to strengthen productive capacity, trade and investment through the mobilization of resources and the harnessing of knowledge for development.

34. Finally, the fourth sub-theme focused on ways to strengthen UNCTAD by enhancing its development role, impact and institutional effectiveness.

Action by the Board

35. The Board approved the theme and sub-themes for UNCTAD XII, and mandated the extended Bureau to consider and decide on the next steps with regard to the theme and preparations for UNCTAD XII. (For the theme and sub-themes, see chapter I of this report.)

Chapter V

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN GSP FORM A

(Agenda item 5)

36. The **President** drew attention to document TD/B/EX(41)/2 and the proposed amendments to certificate of origin GSP Form A, which took into account the enlargement of the European Union. He proposed that the Board approve the amendments as contained in the document.

Action by the Board

37. The Board approved the proposed amendments to certificate of origin GSP Form A as contained in document TD/B/EX(41)/2.

Chapter VI

INSTITUTIONAL, ORGANIZATIONAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND RELATED MATTERS

(Agenda item 6)

(a) Review of the calendar of meetings

Action by the Board

38. The Board approved the calendar of meetings for the remainder of 2007 and for the first half of 2008, as well as the indicative calendar for the remainder of 2008 (TD/B/EX(41)/L.1).

(b) Review of the lists of States contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX)

Action by the Board

39. The Board approved Kyrgyzstan's application for membership of list D in the list of States referred to in paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX), with the understanding that the decision would be without prejudice to the composition of the five United Nations regional groups for the purposes of the distribution of posts within the United Nations General Assembly and its bodies in New York.

(c) Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board

Action by the Board

40. The Board decided that the Southern African Customs Union (SACU), on which background information had been supplied in document TD/B/EX(41)/R.2, should be included in the list provided for in rule 76 of its rules of procedure.

(d) Designation of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board

Action by the Board

41. The Board decided to postpone until its next executive session consideration of the application by the Arab Federation for Protection of Intellectual Property Rights (AFPIPR) for inclusion in the list provided for in rule 77 of the Board's rules of procedure, and requested the extended Bureau to review this application before the next executive session of the Board.

Chapter VII

OTHER BUSINESS

(Agenda item 7)

42. **The Hon. Mr. Alan Kyerematen, Minister of Trade, Industry, Private Sector Development and President's Special Initiatives of Ghana**, gratefully acknowledged the statements made by the representatives of various member States, especially the strong assurances of support for his country to enable it to successfully host UNCTAD XII. He took note of the theme and sub-themes for UNCTAD XII, and informed the Board of Ghana's preparations for the Conference.

43. Concerning hotel accommodation, as of March 2007, the Government of Ghana was able to guarantee the availability of more than 3,000 guest rooms, plus a leased cruise liner with a capacity of 600 additional rooms. This conservative figure did not include hotel projects that were scheduled to be completed by April 2007, and would provide an additional 1,152 rooms.

44. For the Conference, the existing facility, which would be complemented by two temporary structures, was being refurbished to be used for the African Union Summit in June 2007, as well as for the Sixth United States–Africa Trade and Economic Cooperation Forum of the African Growth and Opportunity Act the following month. Drawings for the temporary structures had been completed, and the necessary documentation was being prepared to enable the Government of Ghana to procure services for those installations.

45. The Minister concluded by reaffirming the full commitment of his Government to ensuring a successful Conference, and Ghana's strong support for UNCTAD and its objectives.

46. The **Secretary-General of UNCTAD** welcomed Ghana's Trade Minister and the setting up of a Ghana coordinating team for the preparations for UNCTAD XII. During his visit to Ghana, the Secretary-General had been heartened to see how serious and committed Ghana was concerning its preparations for the Conference. The UNCTAD secretariat had also set up its own internal coordinating committee, and would work closely with the Ghana team. He was most encouraged by the endorsement given by the Board to the theme and sub-themes for the Conference. The secretariat could henceforth focus on following up in more detail the work to be done, starting with the high-level event and other parallel events for UNCTAD XII.

Chapter VIII

ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

(Agenda item 6)

Opening of the session

47. The session was opened by Mr. Mohamed Saleck Ould Mohamed Lemine (Mauritania), President of the Board, who also presided over the session.

Adoption of the agenda

48. The Board adopted the provisional agenda contained in document TD/B/EX(41)/1. (For the agenda as adopted, see annex I of this report.)

Bureau

49. The Bureau of the Board was as elected at its fifty-third session. The Bureau was thus as follows:

President:	Mr. Mohamed Saleck Ould Mohamed Lemine (Mauritania)
Vice-Presidents:	Mr. Arsene Balihuta (Uganda) Mr. Juan Antonio Fernández Palacios (Cuba) Mr. Andrej Logar (Slovenia) Mr. Juan Antonio March (Spain) Mr. Alex Van Meeuwen (Belgium) Mr. Fredrik Arthur (Norway) Ms. Lisa Carle (United States of America) Mr. Iouri Afanassiev (Russian Federation) Mr. Mohammad Ali Zarie Zare (Islamic Republic of Iran) Mr. Miguel Bautista (Philippines)
Rapporteur:	Ms. Ana Inés Rocanova (Uruguay)

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50. The Board authorized the Rapporteur to finalize the report of the forty-first executive session under the authority of the President.

Annex I

AGENDA FOR THE FORTY-FIRST EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Matters requiring action by the Board arising from or related to reports and activities of its subsidiary bodies:
   (a) Report of the Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities, eleventh session
   (b) Report of the Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues, eleventh session
   (c) Report of the Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development, eleventh session
   (d) Report of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget on its forty-eighth session
3. Report on the in-depth examination of the report of the Panel of Eminent Persons
4. Theme and preparatory process for UNCTAD XII
5. Proposed amendments to certificate of origin GSP Form A
6. Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters:
   (a) Review of the calendar of meetings
   (b) Review of the lists of States contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX)
   (c) Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board
   (d) Designation and classification of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board
7. Other business
8. Report of the Board on its forty-first executive session

Annex II

ATTENDANCE

1. Representatives of the following States members of the Trade and Development Board attended the session:

Afghanistan
Albania
Algeria
Angola
Argentina
Australia
Austria
Bangladesh
Barbados
Belarus
Belgium
Benin
Bhutan
Bolivia
Botswana
Brazil
Bulgaria
Burundi
Cameroon
Canada
Chile
China
Colombia
Congo
Costa Rica
Côte d'Ivoire
Cuba
Czech Republic
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Denmark
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
Egypt
El Salvador
Ethiopia
Finland
France
Gabon
Germany
Ghana
Greece
Guatemala
Guinea
Haiti
Honduras
Hungary
India
Indonesia
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Ireland
Israel
Italy
Jamaica
Japan
Jordan
Kenya
Kuwait
Lebanon
Lesotho
Lithuania
Luxembourg
Madagascar
Malaysia
Mali
Mauritania
Mauritius
Mexico
Morocco
Mozambique
Myanmar
Netherlands
Nicaragua
Norway
Oman
Pakistan

Paraguay
Peru
Philippines
Poland
Portugal
Qatar
Republic of Korea
Romania
Russian Federation
Rwanda
Saudi Arabia
Senegal
Serbia
Singapore
Slovakia
Slovenia
South Africa
Spain
Sri Lanka
Sudan
Sweden
Switzerland
Syrian Arab Republic
Thailand
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Tunisia Turkey
Uganda
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
United Republic of Tanzania
United States of America
Uruguay
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Zambia
Zimbabwe

2. Representatives from the following observer States members of UNCTAD but not members of the Trade and Development Board attended the session:

Bosnia and Herzegovina
Estonia
Holy See
Kyrgyzstan
Timor-Leste

3. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented at the session:

African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States
African Union
European Commission
League of Arab States
Organisation internationale de la francophonie
South Centre

4. The following United Nations agencies were represented at the session:

Economic Commission for Africa
Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

5. The following non-governmental organizations attended the session:

General Category

Engineers of the World
Exchange and Cooperation Centre for Latin America
Ocaproce International
Third World Network
World Council of Churches